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CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

56 SOW NKP

432 TRW UDORN

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ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2888

CINCPAC FOR POLAD: 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW AND 56 SOW FOR
DO/ DI; MACHTAI FOR J2 AND PAO

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 14

REF: VIENTIANE 2881

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY -- FRIENDS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM
IMMEDIATE THA VIANG AREA SOUTHEAST OF PDJ AFTER REPEATED
HEAVY SHELLING ATTACKS AND ARE REGROUPING 3-5 KM
SOUTHWEST OF THE " TOWN"; NO ENEMY PURSUIT REPORTED.
THERE WERE MAJOR CLASHES NORTHEAST OF KHONG
SEDONE AND NORTHWEST OF MUONG SOU, BUT ONLY THREE OTHER
MINOR INCIDENTS ELSEWHERE. RLAF FLEW 11 T-28 AND THREE
AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIES. POLITICAL-- NOUHA PHOUMSAVAN HEADS
LPF DEL VISITING HANOI; BOTH PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG AND PHOUMI
VONGVICHIT REPORTEDLY PRESENT AT SAM NEUA DEPARTMENT CEREMONIES.
END SUMMARY.

1. SECTION 1 - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR I: ONLY ACTION WAS MINOR CLASH NORTHWEST OF PAKLAY
ON 12 APRIL (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

B. MR II: HEAVY ATTACKS BY FIRE AGAINST POSITIONS IN
IMMEDIATE THA VIANG AREA (UG 3105), REPORTED REFTEL,
CONTINUED WELL INTO NIGHT 12 APRIL AND, BY MORNING 13 APRIL,
FRIENDS WERE DISPERSED AND PULLING BACK TO REGROUP SOME 3-5
KM SOUTHWEST OF THE " TOWN". NEITHER ENEMY PURSUIT NOR
GROUND ATTACKS WERE REPORTED. OTHER UNITS FARTHER NORTH
AND NORTHEAST OF THA VIANG ARE ALSO IN PROCESS OF WITH-
DRAWING. WEST OF PDJ, ONE MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURRED MORNING
13 APRIL (122400 Z) WHEN ESTIMATED ENEMY BATTALION DROVE
FRIENDS FROM TWO POSITIONS (TG 527670/530670). CASUALTIES
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ARE STILL UNKNOWN FROM LOSS OF THREE SMALL OUTPOSTS NORTH

OF PDJ, 16-18 KM NORTHWEST OF BOUAM LONG, MORNING 13 AWPGVLLAMM
RLAF FLEW EIGHT T-28 SORTIES ON 13 APRIL - - NONE IN THE VIANG
AREA DUE MARGINAL WEATHER; TWO NORTHWEST OF BOUAM LONG IN
SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT: SIX TO STRIKE TARGETS OF
OPPORTUNITY WEST AND NORTHEAST OF MUONG SOUL, AT COMMAND OF
MR II HQ (TWO TRUCKS DESTROYED).

C. MR III: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED, ALTHOUGH RLAF FLEW
THREE T-28 SORTIES NORTH OF DONG HENE ON 13 APRIL, REPORTEDLY
IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT.

D. MR IV: THERE WERE TWO MAJOR INCIDENTS, BOTH CLASHES
29 AND 32 KM NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE. EVENING 12 APRIL
(1145 Z), PLATOON POSITION AT XC 118367 WAS ATTACKED BY ESTIMATED
ENEMY

COMPANY SUPPORTED BY 50-60 ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE; FRIENDS
WITHDREW, HAVING INFLICTED ESTIMATED ENEMY CASUALTIES OF
TWO KIA AND FIVE WIA. NEXT MORNING (130150 Z), ESTIMATED
TWO ENEMY COMPANIES FORCED FRIENDS TO WITHDRAW FROM
POSITION AT XC 139423 (ONE FRIENDLY WIA, THREE MIA). RLAF
FLEW TWO AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIES DURING NIGHT 12-13 APRIL
IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTIONS. TEAM CAPTURED NVA SOLDIER
SOUTH OF SARAVANE RECENTLY.

E. MR V: ONLY ACTION WAS LGITH SHELLING OF POSITION
NORTHWEST OF BORIKHANE NEAR MUONG BO DURING NIGHT 12-13
APRIL (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIE
IN SUPPORT. PATROL EIGHT KM NORTHEAST OF SALA PHOU KHOUN
JUNCTION FOUND AMMO CACHE CONTAINING 60 ROUNDS TANK GUN
AND 22 CASES SMALL- ARMS AMMO.

F. COUNT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: RLG DEFMIN ANNOUNCED
SEVEN ADDITIONAL ENEMY CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, BRINGING TOTAL
TO 378 AS OF MORNING 11 APRIL. (COMMENT: OUR COUNT OF
GROUND CONTACTS INITIATED BY BOTH SIDES SHOWS 94 MAJOR AND
571 MINOR INCIDENTS THROUGH 10 APRIL. END COMMENT)

2. SECTION 2 - POLITICAL SITUATION: A SIX- MEMBER
LPF DELEGATION HEADED BY NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN-- GENERALLY CONSIDERED
NUMBER THREE IN LPF HIERARCHY-- IS VISITING HANOI APRIL 13-16 TO
OPEN WHAT PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY (PLNA) CALLS A " FRIENDSHIP TOUR OF
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SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." PLNA ANNOUNCED THAT DELEGATION WAS SEEN
OFF IN SAM NEUA BY SOUPHANOUVONG AND PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, CHAIRMAN
AND SECRETARY GENERAL, RESPECTIVELY, OF LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
HANOI RADIO REPORTED THAT DRV AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE

VIETNAM FATHERLAND FRONT FETED LPF DELEGATION, EVENING APRIL 13,
AT GRNAD RECEPTION ATTENDED BY PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG AND FOREIGN
MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH.
GODLEY

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